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SUBJECT: ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE STILL IN BUSINESS

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1. ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) PROFOUNDLY SHAKEN BY SERIES ARREST AND TIPOFFS FROM PUBLIC, WHICH PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ARRESTS, REPLACED ITS TOP BELFAST COMMAND STAFF LATE IN WEEK OCT. 12. IT BELIEVED THAT AS RESULT PERSONNEL CHANGES CENTRAL LEADERSHIP HAS RETURNED TO THOSE WHO URGED POLITICAL OVER MILITARY ACTIVITIES. THEY WERE DISCREDITED AND DUMPED WHEN VOLUNTEER POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATE KEN GEBSON RECEIVED ONLY A FEW THOUSAND VOTES IN 1974 GENERAL WESTMINSTER ELECTION. BELFAST IS LARGEST OF SEVEN UVF BATTALIONS IN PROVINCE.

2. TWO UVF BRANCHES HAVE INDICATED THAT A CHANGE IN POLICY NOT TO THEIR LIKING. MID-ULSTER BATTALION ISSUED STATEMENT OCT. 23 THREATENING ATTACKS TO BEGIN OCT. 30 ON ARMY FOR "HARRASSMENT" LOYALISTS IN LURGAN. STATEMENT EXCLUDED ULSTER DEFENSE REGIMENT AND ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY AS TARGETS BUT SAID AS PROPERTY INNOCENT PROTESTANTS WAS BOMBED BECAUSE PROVISIONAL IRA RETALIATING FOR HARRASSMENT, INNOCENT CATHOLICS WOULD THEN

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BE LEGITIMATE OBJECTS EXECUTION FOR HARASSMENT LOYALISTS BY

ARMY. ALSO TARGETS ARE PUBS THAT SERVE SOLDIERS AND GIRLS WHO ASSOCIATE WITH THEM. BELFAST UVF HEADQUARTERS DISASSOCIATED ORGANIZATION FROM STATEMENT BUT SMALL NORTH DOWN BATTALION ISSUED STATEMENT SUPPORTING MID-ULSTER AND REJECTING NEW LEADERSHIP.

3. MID-ULSTER BATTALION COVERS "MURDER TRIANGLE" WHICH SCENE OF DOUBLE MURDER NIGHT OCT. 23. ELDERLY CATHOLIC COUPLE SHOT TO DEATH ON FARM OUTSIDE MOY, COUNTY TYRONE. COUPLE NAMED MC KEARNEY AND ONE THEORY IS THAT KILLERS MISTAKENLY BELIEVED THEY RELATED TO MARGARET MC KEARNEY WHOSE FAMILY STRONG REPUBLICANS AND WHO NAMED BY BRITISH POLICE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AS MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN TERRORIST.  
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